

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 1-5 and 8-19 were rejected. Claims 1-2 and 8-19 were rejected under §102(e) over *Holtzman*. Claims 3-5 were rejected under §103(a) over the combination of *Holtzman* and *Chen*. And, while objection was made to claims 6, 7, and 20 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, the Examiner indicated such claims to recite patentable subject matter.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 6, 7, and 20.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 6 and its intervening claims 2-5. And, claim 15 has been amended to include the recitation of claim 20 and its intervening claims 16 and 19.

Various of the remaining dependent claims have been amended responsive to amendments made to their respective parent claims.

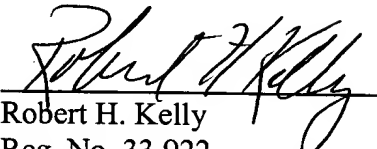
As claims 1 and 15, as now amended, include recitations indicated by the Examiner to be patentable, these claims, as now amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Because the remaining ones of the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claims.

In light of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of claims 1 and 15 and the remaining ones of the dependent claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Appl. No. 09/966,868
Amdt. dated 1 Nov. 2004
Reply to Office Action of 30 Jul. 04

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1 Nov 04


Robert H. Kelly
Reg. No. 33,922

SCHEEF & STONE, L.L.P.
5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 1400
Dallas, Texas 75225
Telephone: (214) 706-4200
Fax: (214) 706-4242
robert.kelly@scheefandstone.com